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FREESIA PURITY BULBS

For close to fifteen years we have supplied freesia bulbs to first class florists who depend upon us each year for this service. Our prices are neither the lowest or the highest—but the quality of the bulbs we send out is always the best.

DELIVERY JULY & AUGUST

per 1000 bulbs

| P | | |
|------------------------|------|------|
| 3/8 to 1/2 inch | \$ 5 | 5.00 |
| 1/2 inch | 7 | .00 |
| 1/2 to 5/8 inch | | |
| 5/8 inch | | |
| 5/8 to 3/4 inch | 16 | .50 |
| 3/4 inch | 21 | .00 |
| 3/4 to 7/8 inch and up | 25 | .00 |

GIANT LAVENDER PINK (Splendens.)
One of the few "proven to be good" colored freesias. Per 1000 forcing size bulbs \$25.00.

COLORED FREESIAS. These are a mixture and include such sorts as Aurora, Gen. Pershing, Giant Lavender Splendens, Barr's Primrose, California, Giant Yellow, Olivete, Rainbow, etc. PRICE—per 500 bulbs, \$12.50. Per 1000 bulbs,

LAPEYROUSIA BULBS

Sometimes called a Freesia. Very similar to Freesias. Has broader leaves and larger flowers. Bulbs resemble a Baby Gladiolus bulb. Color scarlet Salmon and light Salmon Pink. Delivery in August, September, October per 500, \$12.50; per 1000, \$23.00.



CALLA LILLIES

AETHIOPICA CALLA

The Old White Calla

Calla Lillies pay florists good returns. The bulbs are good for several years and are easy to grow.

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|---|-----|---|------|-------|-----|------|---|------|------|------------|--|
| 3 | in. | С | ir., | per | 100 | | | | | \$ 4.00 | |
| 3 | to | 4 | in. | cir., | per | 100- | | | | 5.50 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 8.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 12.00 | |
| 6 | to | 8 | in | . cir | ne | r 10 | 0 | | | 15.00 | |

GODFREY CALLA

Smaller bulb than the common white calla, but produces whiter blooms and is a free bloomer.

 Size is by circumference. All blooming sizes the first year.
 5.00

 2 in. cir., per 100
 7.00

 2 to 2½ in. cir., per 100
 9.00

 3½ to 3 in. cir., per 100
 11.00

 3½ to 6 in. cir., per 100
 15.00

WHITE BLOOM SPOTTED LEAF CALLA BULBS

Same prices as Elliottiana Callas.

See next page. Cut at left.

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ISSUED BI-MONTHLY

CAPITOLA is situated on Monterey Bay, 80 miles south of San Francisco and 400 miles north of Los Angeles on the Southern Pacific (Coast Lines) Railroad. Three miles east of Santa Cruz.

There is a big increase in the number of Refracta Alba Freesias grown in Southern California, and as many people offer this inferior strain as Purity, it would appear that there are plenty of Freesias for all. As a matter of fact there is a steady decrease in the number of genuine Purity being grown each year.

We have the same strain of Purity we have been selling you for years. Our bulbs produce hardy firm flowers that stand up. Not the soft "tissue paper" flowers so common of late years.

We have never seen as eprfectly shaped, firm, clean skinned Paper White bulbs from France or anywhere else as our new Bonny Doon Ranch has produced this year.

When comparison of flowers is made between our Begonias and Gloxinias, and other strains offered, it is easy to see the advantage of personal selection of seed stocks as has been made by our Mr. J. A. Brown several seasons when traveling in Europe.

James A. Brown and Dr. Allan K. Brown spent April and May in the East calling upon the Flor-

April and May in the East canning upon the Florists and Seedmen.

They happened to be spending the night of April 5th at Baron, Wis., when the big cyclone visited that city. A very interesting close view was had of the storm and the night was spent in rescue work. Many people lost their lives and hundreds of cattle were killed when dozens of those big Festern beaus were torn into hits. Eastern barns were torn into bits.

ELLIOTTIANA CALLA

See picture on Front page.

The True Golden Yellow Calla, not the old Lemon Yellow. Fine for cut flowers or for pot plants for sale in winter and spring. Will do well outside if planted after danger of frost is over. Delivery after October 1st.

| | | | | | 100 | dozen |
|----------------|----|----------------|-----|-------|---------|--------|
| 1 | to | 11/2 | in. | diam. | \$ 8.00 | \$1.45 |
| $1\frac{1}{2}$ | to | $1\frac{3}{4}$ | in. | diam. | 10.00 | 1.60 |
| $1\frac{3}{4}$ | to | 2 | in. | diam. | 12.00 | 2.00 |
| 2 | to | $2\frac{1}{4}$ | in. | diam. | 14.00 | 2.25 |
| $2\frac{1}{4}$ | to | 21/2 | in. | diam. | 17.00 | 2.75 |
| $2\frac{1}{2}$ | to | 2 % | in. | diam. | 20.00 | 3.00 |
| | | | | | | |

Spotted Leaf White Calla

Richardia Alba Maculata

Green leaves with white spots the same as the yellow calla. Bulbs are the same type as yellow calla bulbs. Flowers are white.

Prices and sizes are the same as for yellow calla bulbs.

GRAPE HYACINTHS (Muscari)

One of the popular bulbs that cannot now be imported. Heavenly Blue-Sky blue color, per 500, \$9.00; per 1000, \$15.00.

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WATSONIA

Similar to Gladiolus but spikes longer and have several spikes to each bulb. Fine for forcing; will make more money for you than gladioli. Large pure white. Price per 500, \$16.00; per 1000, \$30.00.
Delivery earlier than gladioli. We can ship

in September and you can plant Oct. 1st and secure early flowers when they are worth real 0 0 0

money.

SCILLAS

The Scilla we grow is the new extra large flowered and tall grower. LARGE DARK BLUE -Price per 500 bulbs, \$9.00. Per 1000 bulbs, \$16.00.

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ORNITHOGALUM

This flower has great possibilities as it is a great keeper. Stalks are about 15 inches long and from ten to 20 flowers come out at the rate of five to eight at a time. Each floret is about 1 inch in diameter. Color is pure white with a small black center. Fine for funeral use. It is not heavy scented. Large forcing bulbs per 500, \$9.00. Per 100C. \$16.50.

\Diamond \Diamond \Diamond \Diamond TRITELEIA

TRITELEIA VIOLACEA—Each bulb produces a large number of blooming plants. The bulbs are about % to ¾ size and resemble a Freesia bulb. The foliage is thick and of a nice green shade. Flowers are violet blue and star shape. You will find them profitable if forced as they will bloom about Christmas. Cool temperature is best when forced, about same as freesias.

Price per 100, \$2.00 per 1000 bulbs, \$16.00.

\Diamond \Diamond \Diamond HIPPEASTRUM GIANT HYBRID AMARYLLIS

Bulbs 2 to 3 in. diameter. Finest shades of pink, scarlet, dark blood red, orange, etc., per dozen, \$6.00.

\diamond \diamond \diamond MONTBRETIAS

| Fire | King, red\$ | 3.50 |
|--------|------------------------------|------|
| Aurai | ntiaca, orange yellow | 3.00 |
| Califo | ornia, clear yellow | 3.00 |
| Golde | en West, golden yellow | 4.00 |
| Lord | Nelson, large orange | 5.00 |
| Talisi | man, dark scarlet | 4.00 |
| Germ | nania, red and yellow | 3.50 |
| King | Edmund, yellow | 5.00 |
| West | wick, orange with yellow eye | 5.00 |
| All so | orts, mixed | 2.70 |
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PAPER WHITES



U. S. GOVERNMENT REPORT

This report showed that lot number 180, which was the number assigned to the bulbs they bought of us, lead all other lots. Lot 180 were grown and cured by us and they forced 124%. Most of the bulbs were single nose.

Our Paper Whites are acclimated because we have not imported a paper white bulb for years.

| Price per 100, 11/4 to 11/ | ½ \$1.75 |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Per 1000 | |
| Price per 100, 11/2 to 21/ | 2\$ 4.00 |
| Per 1000 | |

For forcing and in water bowls, use the largest size only.

MIXED DAFFODILS AND NARCISSI—Large bulbs. Per 100, \$3.50; per 1000, \$30.00.

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ POETAZ ELVIRA

Extra large crinkled white, yellow cup—per 100, \$4.00; per 1000, \$32.00.

Regale

Lilium Regale Bulbs (Myriophyllum)

Strong young bulbs. All will flower first season.

PRICE 3 to 4 inch circumference, per 100, \$10.00.

PRICE 4 to 5 inch circumference, per dozen \$2.50, per 100 \$13.00.

PRICE, 5 to 6 inch circumference, per dozen \$3.00, per 100, \$20.00.

PRICE, 6 to 7 inch circumference, per dozen \$3.75, per 100, \$25.00.

PRICE, 7 to 9 inch circumference, per dozen \$4.25, per 100 \$30.00.

GLOXINIAS

TRUE TO COLOR

WHITE, RED, VIOLET, LAV-ENDER, SCARLET, BLUE, VI-OLET with white edge; RED with white edge; RED with frilled edge; SPOTTED and STAIN-ED; YELLOW, with red edge; WHITE with pink edge.

MIXED, this is an assortment of a large number of named sorts; ERECTA TYPE

We grow our bulbs from the most expensive strong, upright, imported strains of Gloxinias. Cheaper bulbs are often grown from the older type plants that drop over.

PRICES

\$10.00 per 100

5/8 to 3/4 inch diameter. All will make good pot plants the first year. These smaller bulbs will produce blooms two to three inches across. A very profitable size for greenhouse men to grow. Per dozen, \$1.50; per 100, \$10.00.

\$13.00 per 100

34 to 1 inch diameter, used more than any other size. Per dozen, \$2.25; per 100, \$13.00.

\$17.00 per 100

1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch diameter, per dozen, \$3.00; per 100, \$17.00.

1½ to 2-inch diameter, per dozen \$3.75; per 100, \$22.00. \diamondsuit \diamondsuit \diamondsuit

IRIS

Iris Tingitana

Earliest and largest of all Irises. French stock. Very fine blue. These flowers start on the wholesale market in all cities at \$9.00 per dozen blooms. Planting stock and blooming sizes offered below.

| PR | RIC | Εp | er | 1000 | bulbs: | | |
|---------------|-----|------|-----|------|--------|----|---------|
| $\frac{I}{2}$ | to | 5/8 | in. | dian | 1 | \$ | \$12.00 |
| | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | 1 | | |
| 11/8 | to | 13/8 | in. | diam | | _ | 80.00 |
| | | | | | | | |

MIXED IRIS

Price on all sores of Spanish Iris bulbs. $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{5}$, \$17.00; $\frac{5}{5}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$, \$22; $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1, \$27.00.

BEGONIA BULBS

\$7.00 per 100 up.

If you buy of us you are assured you will receive bulbs that will grow the best types of flowers and finest shades of colors to be found in the world today.

Delivery after November First—Reserve Yours Today

Tuberous Rooted Begonia Bulbs

No flower will do as well as Begonias when planted in shady places. As house pot plants or in porch and window boxes, nothing equals them.

TRUE TO COLOR

Pink, Red, Rose, Crimson, Dark Red, Yellow, White, Apricot, Copper, Scarlet, Orange, or Mixed.

GIANT SINGLES COLORS AS ABOVE

GIANT SINGLE—Flowers are of mammoth size, often six inches across.

3/4 to 1 inch diameter. A good size for bedding or for florists' potted plants. Use 5 or 6 inch pots. Per dozen, \$1.50. Per 100, \$7.00.

1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch diameter. Per dozen, \$2.00; per 100, 9.00.

1½ to 2 inch, per doz. \$2.25; per 100_____\$11.00 2 inch up, per doz. \$2.75; per 100_____\$15.00

GIANT DOUBLES COLORS AS ABOVE

GIANT DOUBLE BEGONIAS—Blooms are so double they often have the appearance of solid round balls of velvet-like petals.

3/4 to 1 inch diameter, per dozen, \$1.75; per 100, \$9.00

1 to 1½ inch diameter, per dozen, \$2.25; per 100, \$11.00.

1½ to 2 inch, per doz. \$2.50; per 100____\$15.00 2 inch up, per doz. \$3.00; per 100_____\$18.00

GIANT CRISTATA

Colors as above.

GIANT CRISTATA BEGONIA—The most beautiful of all the sorts offered. Large, ruffled-edge blooms with a solid crested center. Called the ruffled double Begonia.

3/4 to 1 inch diameter, a most satisfactory size for florists' use. Per dozen, \$1.75; per 100, \$10.00.

1 to 1½ inch diameter, per dozen, \$2.25; per 100, \$13.00.

1½ to 2 inch, per doz. \$2.75; per 100____\$18.00 2 inch up, per doz. \$3.25; per 100_____\$23.00

CRISPA BEGONIAS

COLORS SAME AS SINGLES

GIANT CRISPA BEGONIAS—This is an extra fine strain of Single Begonias with fluted and ruffled edges. Many consider this the finest of Begonia types.

34 to 1 inch diameter. All will make large blooming plants. Per dozen, \$1.75; per 100,

1 to 1½ inch diameter, per dozen, \$2.00; per 100, \$12.00.

1½ to 2 inch, per doz. \$2.50; per 100_____\$15.00 2 inch up, per doz. \$3.00; per 100_____\$20.00

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HANGING BASKET BEGONIA BULBS

Colors: Carmine Rose, Salmon Rose-Pink, and Red. Large size bulbs per dozen \$3.00, per 100, \$18.00.

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Gladioli

Order Glads now for early Fall delivery. Specially handled for early forcing.

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| Per 1000, Diam. 1¼ to 1½ 1½ | to 21/2 |
| H. Franklin-Early Ruffled White_\$24.00 | \$30.00 |
| Cherie- New Pink-Red, large20.00 | 26.00 |
| Halley-Early Salmon-Pink 19.00 | 23.00 |
| Prince of Wales-Early Coral-Pink_ 22.00 | 27.00 |
| Wilbrink-Early Flesh-Pink 20.00 | 26.00 |
| Foch-Large Early Pink 20.00 | 27.00 |
| Peach Blow-Early Peach Blossom | |
| color 24.00 | 30.00 |
| Pendelton-Dark Salmon, Blotch | |
| center 22.00 | 28.00 |
| Alice Tiplady—Large Saffron, Fine_ 18.00 | 23.00 |
| Apricot Shades Assorted— | |
| Very early 16.00 | 19.00 |
| Souvenir-Deep Yellow, Early 28.00 | 35.00 |
| Myra-Large Salmon 18.00 | 21.00 |
| Scarletta-Very Early Scarlet 32.00 | 38.00 |
| Virginia-New Red, Fine 27.00 | 32.00 |
| Principine-Bright Red, White Center, | |
| Early 19.00 | 24.00 |
| Francis King-Old Flame Pink 20.00 | 26.00 |
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Brown Bulb Ranch CAPITOLA, CALIFORNIA